

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2011

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

The following members were present:

Brad Bernstein	Michelle Harris
Mimi Deem	Andrea Maddox-Dallas
Marguerite Garrick	Omri Praiss
Rosemary Hardy	Eric Schneider

Excused/Absent:

Ira Berkowitz

Also present:

Patty DeForrest

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 6 and July 11 meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience: There were no addresses from the audience.

Platform Tennis: Discussion centered on how the group would pay for construction and the expectations for repayment of some of those funds. Ms. DeForrest discussed the possibilities of Platform Tennis in Shaw Park. The annual cost to maintain the courts is estimated to be approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Platform Tennis information: Courts are smaller than quick start tennis courts, primary usage in summer months would be teaching, having the courts might be more of an opportunity for non-resident usage, not USTA regulation, good for older tennis players, courts are heated, different types of tennis balls are used, and it would be a great way to utilize the area in the winter because it is close to the ice rink. The Commission stated that the idea of having Platform Tennis is definitely worth exploring.

Ms. DeForrest is not sure if Platform Tennis fits in the proposed location because balls from the fields would hit the structure. Her other concerns are: it is not very attractive, would it be crammed into the space, and not really know whether Clayton residents want this type of court. When the consultants for the Tennis Center project are hired, we are going to ask them what they think about putting in Platform Tennis courts.

Director's Report

Dog Park Survey: Ms. DeForrest stated that the Dog Park survey would be finalized this week and sent to residents by Thursday, September 15. The results will be in by the end of the October; therefore the Commission should be able to discuss survey results at the November meeting.

Hanley Park Pavilion: The bid opening for the Hanley Park Pavilion will take place on Wednesday, September 14. If the bids are within budget, we hope to start construction in October; the project is will only take 12 weeks, so it could be finished by the end of the calendar year. Ms. DeForrest stated that she plans on having a meeting with neighbors who live near Hanley Park, so they can discuss their concerns about the park and its usage once the pavilion is built.

Shaw Park Tennis Center: A design firm has been selected for the Tennis Center project. The design and specs will be prepared this fall. The project will go out to bid in December or early January. The plan is to have the project completed by June 2012.

Shaw Park Trail: Ms. DeForrest and her staff are meeting with SWT on Thursday, September 14 to talk about a timeline and design considerations. Incorporated components include:

1. Trail – grant requirements
2. Nature Garden and art on north end of the park
3. Century Garden art
4. South end garden or Dog Park
5. Centennial Greenway – how it will match up with the walking trail

Shaw Park Ice Rink Brick Wall: The brick wall in front of the ice rink was removed because it was in such bad condition that it could no longer be tuckpointed. The decision was made to put landscaping in front of the rink rather than a new wall because it was much more cost effective. The fire pit was moved away from the north end of the rink to inside the fence on the south end.

Shaw Park Artist Selection: The Art Selection Committee is in the process of meeting with the artists; which have been narrowed it down to four. The next step is to get the artist proposals. Once the proposals are submitted, the committee will be present their recommendation to the Commission for endorsement.

Hanley House: Upcoming projects at the Hanley House include tuck pointing, rebuilding the back porch, and installation of new windows. These projects will be completed over the next two years. A CCF fundraising initiative is going to take place in order to assist with the funding of the back porch project.

City of Clayton Membership Report: 30.33% of residents have a pass to one or more recreation facility, last year's high was 28.62%; Shaw Park Aquatic Center passes make up a large part of these passes.

One of the big items staff is working on is summer camps. At the end of September, a meeting will be held with School District and Center staff to discuss running camps that have educational and recreation components. Summer camps were run in a different manner this summer, and as a result new camps took place. Parks and Recreation staff worked with School District staff and both benefitted financially from the new camp offerings.

New Business/Old Business: Ms. Deem stated that she would like to get CSP's opinion about the implementation of member only lap swimming at Shaw Park Aquatic Center (SPAC). Ms. DeForrest said a survey will be sent to pass holders. The times were not used extensively and the gentleman who asked for extended hours did not purchase a morning lap swim pass.

Ms. Hardy said the herb garden at Hanley Park still has some herbs. The History Society lecture will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm at The Center of Clayton.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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